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FUCHS presents sponsorship award of EUR 50,000 to 13 social projects in Mannheim

The global lubricant manufacturer FUCHS PETROLUB SE will present the FUCHS sponsorship award for the eighteenth time on October 13, 2017. Thirteen projects, as well as the commitment to social cohesion and civic engagement in Mannheim they represent, are to be recognized with a sponsorship sum of EUR 50,000 in total. Mayor Dr. Peter Kurz will once again act as patron.

"The FUCHS sponsorship award carries the motto 'Helping People' and expresses our recognition of the many volunteers whose efforts make the implementation of social projects possible," says Stefan Fuchs, Chairman of the Executive Board of FUCHS PETROLUB SE. "Social commitment has a long tradition at FUCHS. We believe that every company carries great social responsibility."

Four fantastic ideas will be supported with the maximum sum of EUR 5,000 this year. These include "Schattenkinder im Rampenlicht" ("Shadow Children in the Limelight"), a project by the "Paletti" circus for children and young people. There, the siblings of seriously ill children can immerse themselves in the magical world of the circus and leave their difficult day-to-day lives behind them for a few hours.

The "Kohler House project" of the "Martinshof" workgroup will also be sponsored this year. Within the scope of this project, up to ten disabled young adults perform everyday tasks such as shopping or gardening work and thereby gain independence and self-confidence.

In the "Käfertal Kulturhaus" cultural center's "HeArt Beat Studio", young people record and edit songs and films under the guidance of artists and educators.

Music is also at the heart of the "Generation Pop: YOU – Young and Old United" workshop held by the "Popakademie Baden-Württemberg Foundation". The aim of the project is to strengthen understanding between children and seniors by writing songs together.

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EUR 4,500 will be donated to an initiative by “Reha-Südwest Regenbogen”. With a mobile wheelchair course that companies or associations can rent for events, members of the public are invited to see for themselves how it feels to live with a disability.

Bringing people together in public places in the suburb of Jungbusch in Mannheim, eating and conversing together: with its "Tischgesellschaft" (“Dinner party”) project the “zeitraumexit” association aims to counteract social isolation and voicelessness and will receive EUR 4,000 toward the realization of this initiative.

The same amount will be donated toward a jumping cushion. This is to encourage students at the “Eugen-Neter-Schule“ school to exercise through the medium of play.

An additional "green classroom" is being planned by the booster club of the “Käferterschule” school – an exciting place to learn, which can now be implemented with the help of a donation of EUR 3,500.

The “Kinderladen Rappelkiste” association for children wishes to inspire creativity and imagination with its new garden. EUR 3,000 will help make this concept a reality.

Through vacation sponsorships organized by the “Stadtjugendring Mannheim” association, children from poor families can enjoy time out during the summer. This project has already been successful for several years and will also benefit from EUR 3,000 from FUCHS.

The “Ernährungsführerschein in zwei Stufen“ (“Nutrition Certificate in Two Stages”) initiative from the “Kinder am Rande der Stadt” association will receive EUR 2,000. The objective here is to encourage boys and girls to eat healthily.

The environment is the focus of the excursions to the “Geo-Naturpark Bergstraße-Odenwald” organized by the “Jugendtreff Neckarau” booster club, which will be supported with a donation of EUR 1,000.

As in previous years, the work of the regional "Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Selbsthilfegruppen" ("Working group of self-help groups") in Mannheim will be recognized with sponsorship amounting to EUR 5,000. The working group supports self-help groups that do not receive financial resources through existing sponsorship opportunities.

Willis Towers Watson, the insurance broker of FUCHS, will once again be donating EUR 5,000 this year. The sum will go to the "Juniorhelfer" ("Junior

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Helpers") project of the Mannheim district association of the German Red Cross, which aims to get elementary school pupils enthusiastic about first aid and helps to convey the practical skills involved.

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